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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98, and M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants hereby enclose Form PTO SB/08 that includes two non-patent literature publications that have previously been cited in a prior patent application Serial No. 10/128,118 filed April 23, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,706,402 issued March 16, 2004, from which the above application claims notionly under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no further copies of the previously cited and considered references are enclosed. A copy of the newly cited foreign publication, however, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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